

We are too dependent on foreign oil. As a Navy Reserve officer, I believe our country should adopt an energy independence policy to protect us from instability in the Persian Gulf.

I voted in favor of the new energy bill, H.R. 6, because it would establish new fuel economy standards for cars and SUV's, set a new requirement for the use of renewable fuels and energy, and give incentives to boost conservation and innovation.

In sum, our bill would cut America's consumption of foreign oil by more than four million barrels a day – more than twice as much as our current oil imports from the Persian Gulf - and would reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by over 740 million metric tons per year.

It would also save consumers \$22 billion per year in lower gas and energy costs.

Our bill is now headed back to the Senate. Hopefully, this legislation will be enacted swiftly to set America on a path toward a new sustainable energy policy based on domestic production of renewable and alternative energy.